

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 10, 2013

REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, June 10 2013 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Hanley presiding and City Clerk Stephanie L. Snyder recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER at 5:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Keith Nesbitt, J.M. "Mike" Holmes, William Kirby, Bridget Powers, Kevin Hanley

Council Members Absent: none

Staff Members Present: City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, and Police Chief John Ruffcorn.

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code Section 54957.6

MOTION: Nesbitt/Holmes/Unanimously approved

1. **Conference with Labor Negotiators:**
(G.C. 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Robert Richardson

Employee Group: All Units

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

No reportable action.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Auburn Daybreak Rotary Certificate of Appreciation was presented by Mayor Hanley to Rotary President Steven Lease, recognizing their community support by fundraising to promote fire safety in schools.

Mayor Hanley read the United States Army Week proclamation.

Mayor Hanley spoke about the contributions of the late Janice Forbes and said he will be adjourning the meeting in her memory.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Nesbitt asked item 7 be removed from the consent calendar.

1. **Minutes**

By **MOTION**, approve the City Council minutes of 5/13/2013 and 5/20/2013.

2. **Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 13-46**, ratify and approve payment of warrants 82148 through 82383 totaling \$1,220,458.53.

3. **Appropriations Limit for FY 2013-14**

By **RESOLUTION 13-47**, adopt the Fiscal Year 2013-14 "Appropriations Limit" for the City of Auburn in the amount of \$13,607.246.

4. **Appointment of Technology Commissioner**

By **RESOLUTION 13-48**, approve the appointment of Roy Vermes to the Auburn Technology Commission for a term of 4 years.

5. **Public Safety Mobile Data Computer Systems**

By **RESOLUTION 13-49**, authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a contract with DATATLUX to purchase and install Mobile Data Computers in police vehicles.

6. **Engineering Services – Professional Service Agreement Giuliani & Kull, Inc.**

By **RESOLUTION 13-50**, authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a contract with Giuliani & Kill, Inc. to perform engineering services for the Public Works Department in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

7. **Street Resurfacing Project – Oakridge Way/ Auburn Glen Subdivision/ Shockley Area**

Removed from the consent calendar.

8. **Weed Abatement – Declare Public Nuisance**

By **RESOLUTION 13-51**, declare Public Nuisance of certain properties within the City of Auburn identified as containing weeds, rubbish, and or debris, as listed in Exhibit "A".

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION**, approve the consent calendar excluding item #7.

MOTION: Nesbitt/Powers/Approved 5:0 (Holmes recused himself from item #8)

8a. **Street Resurfacing Project – Oakridge Way/ Auburn Glen Subdivision/ Shockley Area**

Council Member Kirby left the Council Chambers due to abstention.

Council Member Nesbitt asked about the condition of the surrounding streets. He asked when the streets that are in more dire need will be addressed.

Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder explained that the project is in conjunction with the County. She spoke of the benefits of being able to participate in this project. She said this project is ideal for roads that are fairly new due to not being a reconstruction or overlay project. She spoke of the Road Report that she will be presenting to Council soon.

Mayor Hanley said he appreciates the County outreach to us to participate in this project. He said it's important to work together as local governments to provide services.

By **MOTION**, find the Street Resurfacing Project – Oakridge Way/ Auburn Glen Subdivision/ Shockley Area categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per section 15301(c) Existing Facilities.

By **RESOLUTION 13-52**, authorize the Director of Public Works to execute construction contracts with Valley Slurry Seal and Central Valley Engineering to conduct street preparation and slurry sealing of specific roadways in North Auburn including Oakridge Way, Auburn Glen Subdivision and Shockley in conjunction with Placer County Public Works Department in a total amount not to exceed \$150,000.

MOTION: Nesbitt/Powers/Approved 4:0 (Kirby abstained)

Council Member Kirby returned to the Council Chambers.

9. **Public Comment**

Richard Anderson, resident of Auburn, President of TGH Aviation and Auburn Airport Business Park Association addressed the issue of the Van Howd statue of "Bud" Anderson. He said the promised financing has not materialized. He said he is asking for: (1) the Council to contribute financially to this project, (2) an organized fund drive, and (3) use of the City's name in soliciting of funds.

Council Member Holmes said the statue was approved by the City and there are dedicated funds and staff time to make it happen. He said there are several benefactors that may make contributions to this effort.

Scott Holbrook of Auburn Recreation District promoted "Party in the Park" on Friday, June 21st.

Council Member Nesbitt stated he will not be at the June 24, 2013 meeting where the budget is scheduled to be adopted. He said he supports the budget as is, but would like a caveat in the Arts Commission mural funding that the artist be local. He spoke of Alan Young, former Planning Commission, saying he has been brought home from the hospital to hospice.

Council Member Kirby said Auburn Movie night starts tomorrow, June 11th.

Council Member Powers said she will also not be at the June 24, 2013 meeting.

Mayor Hanley congratulated Chris Forman of the Auburn Police Department for winning an award from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

PUBLIC HEARING

10. **Levy Annual Assessment Fee for Business Improvement Districts**

City Attorney Michael G. Colantuono presented this item. He said the City is maintaining but not increasing its existing assessments on businesses in Old Town and Downtown Auburn. He said the annual reports were approved at the last City Council meeting. He said the purpose of this hearing is to hear comment from the public.

Dave Johnson, President of the Old Town Business Association, spoke of some improvements being made to Old Town.

Council Member Nesbitt said he supports this item, but thinks the maximum fee should be \$500 annually.

Hold a public hearing and adopt by **RESOLUTION 13-53** the 2013/14 Levying of Assessment in connection with the Old Town Auburn Business Improvement District and the Downtown Auburn Business Improvement District.

MOTION: Powers/Kirby/Approved 5:0

11. **2012 Weed Abatement Program, Assess Tax Roll**

Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi presented this item and provided a background on actions taken.

No public comment.

Hold a public hearing and by **RESOLUTION 13-54** approve the 2012 cost report of the weed abatement program and direct the City Clerk to file a certified copy of the report with the Placer County Auditor-Controller in order to collect cost assessments.

MOTION: Holmes/Powers/Approved 5:0

COUNCIL BUSINESS

12. **Recology Auburn Placer – Solid Waste Collection 2 Year Rate Ceiling Increases 2013/14 – 2014/15**

Transit Analyst Megan Siren presented this item. She said the rate adjustment is due to fuel cost, employee costs and employee pension costs. She said the 2.03% request is applied to the base rate. She provided comparisons of other increases in areas similar to Auburn.

Council Member Powers asked about the current rate and proposed rates.

Mayor Hanley asked about the impact on the average resident or business owner.

Michael Otten, resident of Auburn, said there is confusion about who is providing the service. He asked if the City collects any franchise fees. He asked questions about the "blue bag" program. He spoke about increased trash on the streets.

Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder addressed franchise fees which are in the staff report. She also explained the process that staff goes

through to evaluate the cost increase requests, Recology customer service responsiveness, and the “blue bag” program.

City Attorney Michael Colantuono stated that the City has little risk of liability because the City does not provide the service. He said the City does not set the prices; they regulate the prices (by setting a ceiling).

Council Member Kirby spoke about the “blue bag” program, uncovered large trucks dropping trash, and the positive experiences with Recology.

Council Member Powers spoke about the high cost of certain items to drop off at the landfill and the resulting trash dumped along the streets.

Council Member Holmes spoke about the “blue bag” program and the issue brought up about a warning label. He spoke about the support by Recology at community events.

Council Member Nesbitt supports a modest increase spread across all residents because Recology has proven to be a good community partner. He said the “Blue Bags” are educational and need to continue.

Council Member Hanley said this small fee increase is part of the bigger agreement with Recology. He said there are a number of programs in the agreement that are beneficial. He also spoke of the assistance that Recology provides at community events. He also spoke of the benefits of the “blue bag” program.

By **RESOLUTION 13-55**, adopt the 2.03% Cost of Living adjustment of the ceiling established by the City’s franchise agreement with Recology Auburn Placer on residential and commercial rates shown on Attachment A for the July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 period and adopt a not to exceed 4% Cost of Living for the July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 period.

MOTION: Powers/ Holmes/ Approved 5:0

REPORTS

13. City Council Committee Reports

Council Member Holmes reported that the Chinese Travel Delegation would be visiting the following weekend. He reported that he will be bringing an item to Council regarding the fountain at the Courthouse needing restoration.

Council Member Nesbitt reported on Placer County Transportation Planning Agency and the fare box recovery ratio and related penalty. Bernie Schroeder gave further information on this issue.

Council Member Kirby said he is concerned about the absence of two Council Members at the next meeting where the budget is proposed to be approved. He reported on Auburn Movie nights scheduled for this summer.

Council Member Powers reported on the Auburn Airport Business Park Association meeting this Wednesday. She also reported on the Economic Development Commission projects that are underway.

Mayor Hanley reported on the SACOG Shared Services Task Force. He said SACOG is going to purchase access to a website that lists all grants available to government agencies to increase awareness among all jurisdictions.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Hanley adjourned the meeting in the memory of community leader Janice Forbes, at 7:10 p.m.



Kevin Hanley, Mayor

Stephanie L. Snyder, City Clerk